



WHC Coalinga Mission Statement

West Hills College Coalinga is committed to achieving student learning through the provision of educational, cultural, and economic development opportunities to our current and future students and the local and global communities that we serve.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On June 27th, Clint Cowden and I traveled to Sacramento to cohost the AgTech Roundtable, which seeks to connect agribusinesses, academic researchers, app designers, software and hardware firms and others from California's two globally known Valleys – Central and Silicon. Much of the discussion focused on broadband infrastructure as it is the essential foundation of ag tech. Our first action task is a feasibility study - a "sensor census" survey of major SJV growers, which will be conducted by Farm of the Future students. The findings would be vital to determining the potential wireless network demand and perhaps convince carriers to expedite expansion. We are hopeful that funding will be secured to do this important work.

During the month of July, staff on campus and at the Farm of the Future have hosted three different camps and continue to have a successful Farmers Market at Keck Park every Wednesday night. All staff associated with the camps participated in a four day training session that focused on activity development, communication, leadership skills, team building, as well as mandated reporting requirements. From that training, staff designed an educational program which taught participants the skills to succeed in their precollege work and ultimately in their career and higher education pursuits.

TRiO/Upward Bound Summer Camp is a six week program that enrolls 30 high school age students who take college classes, learn and experience residential life. Paramount sponsored a week long Ag Camp for 50 eighth graders. Campers went to the Farm of the Future to learn about Agriculture careers, and experience planting, welding, and hands-on GPS experiments and soil science labs.

On July 14-18 and July 21-25 the college will host the first "Chevron's Fun Physical Science Camp" for elementary school students. The camp is aligned to California State Standards and was designed by Biochemistry instructor Myra Vargas.



The camp is free for children thanks to a gift to the West Hills Community College Foundation from Chevron.

WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Things are gearing up for the Student Support and Success Plan initiatives beginning fall 2014. New ways of funding and reporting are being implemented and a new student orientation is in the process of completion! WHC Coalinga should have it up and going by late September for the new students coming in the spring 2015. We continue to have placement testing with orientation for new students every Friday during the summer (except the 4th of July!) and have approximately 20 students every week. Those students are assigned to a team counselor for registration into classes for the year. Most of the categorical programs are on hiatus until the orientations in August for new students.

West Hills College Coalinga is now into its second session for Chevron's first Fun Physical Science Camp, geared toward elementary school students. Camp sessions ran for one week with registration being limited to 20 openings per camp and spots granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Session dates were July 14-18 for grades first through third and July 21-25 for grades four through six. The camp is free for children thanks to a gift to the West Hills Community College Foundation from Chevron with WHCC hosting the camp. Biochemistry instructor Mayra Vargas created curriculum that aligns with the California State Standards for Science at the elementary levels. Multisensory techniques including hands-on experiments and lecture demonstrations will be employed in an interactive learning environment. Camp sponsors are Chevron, WHCC and the West Hills College Foundation.

On June 10 through June 15 the UB staff conducted the summer staff training. The participants received training and certification in First Aid and CPR. The workshop presented included presentations from human resources, library services, and Child Protective services. Additionally all staff participated in a one day leadership initiative at Fresno State.

The TRiO Program and TRiO Club sponsored a fieldtrip to CSU San Francisco on May 29, 2014. The students toured the campus, visited the SSS and EOPS offices, and made connections with the CSU San Francisco staff. A boat tour of the bay followed the campus tour. During the tour the students participated in a presentation of the history of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and the Bay Bridge. The field trip ended with a tour of the San Francisco's historical sites which included Pier 39, China town and Little Italy.



WHCCD FOUNDATION



July is a very exciting month for the West Hills College Foundation. WHCC alum Jon Keller, owner of Keller Motors in Hanford, has agreed to donate \$100 for each vehicle sold during the month of July to our foundation to support the President's Scholars Program. Jon and his wife, Valerie, are long-time WHC supporters. They established a scholarship in memory of his parents, Robert and Collette, which has been offered at both campuses for many years. They have also been a hole-in-one sponsor at our annual golf tournament for many years and Val served on the foundation board. If you're looking for a new car, now might be a good time to visit Keller Motors or kellerdeal.com and support the President's Scholars Program at the same time. Watch for a television commercial/public service announcement on President's Scholars that was shot July 1st.

ATHLETICS

Fall 2014 Volleyball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri	Aug 29	at MJC Tournament	Modesto	All Day
Fri	Sep 5	at Cosumnes River Tournament	Sacramento	All Day
Fri	Sep 19	at MPC Classic	Monterey	All Day
WED	SEP 24	* COLUMBIA COLLEGE	COALINGA	5:00 PM
Wed	Oct 1	*at Porterville College	Porterville	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 3	*at Merced College	Merced	6:00 pm
WED	OCT 8	* REEDLEY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Fri	Oct 10	*at Taft College	Taft	6:00 pm
WED	OCT 15	* COLLEGE OF SEQUOIAS	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Fri	Oct 17	*at Fresno City College	Fresno	6:00 pm
Wed	Oct 22	*at Columbia College	Sonora	5:00 pm
WED	OCT 29	* PORTERVILLE COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
FRI	OCT 31	* MERCED COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Wed	Nov 5	*at Reedley College	Reedley	6:00 pm
FRI	NOV 7	*TAFT COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM
Wed	Nov 12	*at College of Sequoias	Visalia	6:00 pm
FRI	NOV 14	*FRESNO CITY COLLEGE	COALINGA	6:00 PM

*Central Valley Conference Games
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HOME GAMES IN

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